



**INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE  
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July 18, 2019  
Ref: DODOIG-2019-000886

**SENT VIA EMAIL TO: [76976-30533031@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:76976-30533031@requests.muckrock.com)**

Ms. Julia Rock  
MuckRock News  
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411A Highland Ave  
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Rock:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, as attached. We received your request on July 15, 2019, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-000886.

As currently worded, your request is not sufficiently described for our office to conduct a search. The FOIA requires federal agencies to provide records that are reasonably described. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A)(i). The FOIA does not require agencies to explain records, answer questions, or conduct research. See *NLRB v. Sears Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 162 (1975), or *Zemansky v. EPA*, 767 F.2d 569, 574 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). Please note that a record is not reasonably described unless the description contains sufficient information to enable a professional agency employee familiar with the subject area to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. It is the requester's responsibility to reasonably describe the records sought under the FOIA. A requester may provide descriptive information in one or two ways. (1) The request must contain file-related information, such as, the type of record sought, the title, index citation, subject area, date the record was created, and the identity of the originator of the record. (2) It should contain event-related information, such as, the circumstances that resulted in the record being created and/or the date and circumstances surrounding the event that the records cover. Because your request does not meet the criteria above, your request is not considered perfected. Absent of this information, this office cannot process your request, and your request will be closed 10 days from the date of this letter.

If you consider this response to be an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. You can appeal electronically through FOIAonline by logging into your account and selecting "create appeal" in your original request. Alternatively, you may submit a written appeal to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500. Any appeal must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter, must clearly state the adverse determination being appealed, and should reference the file number above. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." For more information on appellate matters and procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a) for further information on administrative appeals.

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You may seek dispute resolution services and assistance with your request from the DoD OIG FOIA Public Liaison Officer at 703-604-9785, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), or <https://ogis.archives.gov/>. You may also contact OGIS via regular mail at National Archives and Records Administration Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please note that OGIS mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 703-604-9775 or via email to [foiarequests@dodig.mil](mailto:foiarequests@dodig.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dorgan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Dorgan  
Director  
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Requester Information

Requester	Julia Rock	Tracking Number	DODOIG-
Organization		Submitted Date	07/15/20.
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	07/15/20.
Email Address	76976-30533031@requests.muckrock.com	Perfected Date	
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	07/14/20.
Fax Number		Assigned To	Departme
Address	MuckRock News, DEPT MR 76976 411A		General
City	Highland Ave	Last Assigned By	
State/Province	Somerville	Request Track	Simple
Zip Code/Postal Code	MA 02144	Fee Limit	\$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	No
Fee Category		Perfected Date	
Fee Waiver Requested	No	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status		Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

# Description

Long Description

To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following and memos between April 1 2019 and today mentioning “A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Re Minerals.” - All communications and memos dated between January 1 2019 and today, containing the “critical minerals” AND “climate change” OR “renewable energy.” The requested documents will be public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled either attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in the receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Julie directly: https://https://www.muckrock.comhttps://accounts.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?url\_auth\_token=AAguugrbOtX7qBwOVeyg9EZdwA%3A1hmre2%3APhSRHjYEvT2xXp\_EC7LGbIBi-jE&next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts-office-of-the-inspector-general-102%252Fcritical-minerals-military-department-of-defense-offi76976%252F%253Femail%253D%252522foiarequests%252522%252B%25253Cfoiarequests%25254

Has Description Been Modified? Yes

Long Description Modified

Description Available to the Public? No

Short Description

## Additional Information

Type of Records Requested	N/A
Report Number	N/A
Report Name	N/A
Case #	N/A
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	N/A
Cross Reference Case(s)	N/A

## Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?  
No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File T
No supporting files have been uploaded.		